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SUBJECT: VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING'S TALK WITH NEW ZEALAND EDITORS

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1. WELLINGTON NEWSPAPER HAS CARRIED LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF PRC VICE PREMIER'S RECENT TALK WITH VISITING NEW ZEALAND EDITORS. WHILE CONCENTRATING ON TENG'S DISCUSSION OF WATER MARGIN CAMPAIGN, ARTICLE ALSO RECOUNTS TENG'S TREATMENT OF NUMBER OF OTHER TOPICS.

2. COMMENTING ON PROPOSED SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, TENG SAID PRC HAD SUPPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE BUT HE DID NOT THINK SUCH ZONES WERE AS POSITIVE AS PRC'S PROPOSALS THAT ALL NUCLEAR COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO BE FIRST TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THAT CONFERENCE OF ALL NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES SHOULD AGREE ON DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE STATED PRC WAS OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR TESTS BUT WAS FORCED TO HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BECAUSE OF NUCLEAR RACE BETWEEN US AND USSR; PRC OPPOSES NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION BUT IS MORE OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR

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MONOPOLY.

3. TENG SAID SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA WERE COVER FOR ITS ARMS EXPANSION AND AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. THERE WAS INCREASING DANGER OF WORLD WAR III, WITH ONLY DANGER COMING FROM US AND USSR; IN CHINA'S VIEW GREATER DANGER COMES FROM SOVIET UNION.

4. TENG DENIED CONTRADICTION BETWEEN PRC'S DECLARATION OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF SEA COUNTRIES, AND PRC'S SUPPORT FOR COMMUNIST PARTIES IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND THAILAND. CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD NOT BE A COMMUNIST PARTY IF IT DID NOT SUPPORT COMMUNIST PARTIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT SUCH SUPPORT SHOULD NOT PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES.

5. REGARDING TAIWAN, TENG SAID PRC'S CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US WERE ABROGATION OF US-TAIWAN DEFENSE TREATY, WITHDRAWAL OF ALL US FORCES FROM TAIWAN, AND SEVERANCE OF US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. ONCE THESE CONDITIONS WERE MET, TAIWAN QUESTION WOULD BECOME ENTIRELY INTERNAL CHINESE AFFAIR. CHINA HOPED TO SETTLE TAIWAN QUESTION BY PEACEFUL MEANS, BUT IF IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TIES WITH TAIWAN TO BE ENDED, THEN NON-PEACEFUL MEANS COULD NOT BE RULED OUT.
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